Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House how a Muslim Graduate 6 years old in service happens to draw only a pittance of Rs. 42/-?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—There are people drawing less amounts and who have put in 10 and 12 years' service and who are graduates. The reason is we have not got a system of time scale. We have got only a system of compartments. According to this, one has to wait till the other is promoted in the higher grade. This man Abdulla was promoted over the heads of so many in view of the fact that he is a Moslem; otherwise he would still be drawing something about Rs. 30 or Rs. 35.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—This question is connected with the question of the Moslem Inspector.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—He was given a grade higher than he was entitled to. I thought that it would be satisfactory.

Grant-in-aid—Chalakkudi Cosmopolitan Reading Club.

51. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is their intention to give any grant to the Chalakkudi Cosmopolitan Reading Club;

(b) if not, considering the growing importance of Chalakudi, will the Government be pleased to start a Public Library at their initiative?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes, but the question has to wait for better times.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—How long has the request from the Chalakkudy Cosmopolitan Reading Club pending before the Department for a grant?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—I want notice. It has been pending for a long time.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—How long are we to wait? Till Dooms-day?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—We have to wait till better times.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—But according to the Budget we have got a very fine time.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, when does Government expect better times?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Provision is made for starting Village libraries every year. As a matter of fact till very recently no specific provision existed for the starting of such libraries and so far as this movement is concerned we are in better times.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When is that particular library going to have better times?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—It all depends on the report we get from the men on the spot. A list is drawn up every year which shows the needs of several villages. In the order of urgency and importance they are taken for consideration.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the amount asked for by that Library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Usually we give something as grant—Rs. 50/- plus something for starting.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Had the Director of Public Instruction any occasion to visit this library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—I have not visited this particular library.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Will he be kind enough to visit it in the near future?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—With pleasure, but that will not improve matters.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Is the Hon'ble Member aware that this library is catering to the needs of a very large number of people in Chalakkudy ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—It is a necessary one at Chalakkudy.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether there are any rules to fix the order of urgency?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—There is no rule. It all depends upon the kind of persuasion which the local people are able to bring to bear upon the Department.

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Have you discouraged it in any sense?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Certainly not. Funds are limited and we have to distribute it equitably. Certain number of libraries have been aided this year and a few more will be aided next and so on.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Since this library has made a request for a grant has any other library been given a grant?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Yes, one at Nadavaramba and for the others I want notice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Is it not a fact that 2 miles from Nadavaramba, at Irinjalakkuda, there is a library receiving grant from the Department? Was it not the duty of the Government to see that before they gave grant to the Nadavaramba Library to give some grant to the Chalakdudy reading club?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—The Hon'ble Member is entering into a discussion on the question. The question of distance is not a criterion. The Hon'ble member is certainly aware, that in these times no man will be willing to walk two miles in search of knowledge. I agree that Chalakkudy has a very urgent need. I may assure the Hon'ble Member that it will be attended to as early as possible.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—What are the better claims of Nadavaramba over this Library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Distance is one consideration. Poverty of the population and other things are taken into calculation in giving grants. But in view of the discussion raised to day I will certainly again enquire into the question.

Public jetties on the foreshore of Ernakulam.

52. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of public jetties on the foreshore of Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There are 7 jetties.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Is the Railway jetty included in this list?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No. It is not a public jetty. It is not maintained from public funds.

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